

Dear Parents,

Hello! My name is Ms. Cyr (pronounced Seer) and I am teaching high school science at Heritage this year and I am very excited to be part of this school and the community the faculty, staff, students, and family have created here. I wanted to post this letter so you can get to know a little about me and my philosophy on education.

A little about my education background first: I graduated from Plainwell Schools and then Ferris State with a major in Mathematics Education and minors in Biology and Chemistry in 2012. Since then, I have been teaching alternative and adult education in a town southwest of here. I have also been a youth leader and am now the youth director for my church. Young people are my passion and I want each and every one that I encounter to succeed and reach the potential God has for them, be it in ministry, education, business, politics, art, human services, vocational fields, etc.

Outside of school, I am a worship leader, a theatre kid, an aunt, a sister, daughter, and friend. I love reading and do math problems for fun to help destress. Music is a gift from God and I am thankful for it everyday. My favorite color is blue, dad jokes are the best, I love ice cream and hot tea, and dogs are way better than cats in my book. My hair is a daily struggle. And my thoughts tend to bounce around (if you couldn't tell by reading this).

My philosophy on education is as follows: We are all born with a sense of curiosity and wonder and creativity given to us by our Father. I learn best when my interest is piqued, so I strive to do that for my students by making things interesting. I am also a firm believer in teaching students how to think, not what to think, and where to find answers to questions they have that are reliable and trustworthy. As a student, I remembered more of what I had to figure out of my own (with guidance) than what was spoon-fed to me. And I both hated and respected homework. As a teacher, I try to remember those things and use homework as a tool to enhance learning when it is necessary, but I never want a student to take an entire evening on any routine homework assignment. If they do, let me know and I will work with them to figure out the struggle.

I am real, I am safe, I am open, and I am available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to ask me questions or express concern (or encouragement!). My contact information is below. I look forward to the year ahead getting to know you and your students.

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